

HE STILL LIVES.

Hon. John Sherman Will Be Transferred to the Chicago at Santiago.

A Report of His Death Was Circulated Tuesday and the Subsequent Denial of the Rumor Caused Conflicting Emotions.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Seldom has official Washington been more completely stirred by conflicting emotions than it was Tuesday by the announcement first of the death of Hon. John Sherman and then by the contradiction of the report which came a few hours later, the one giving a relief which was as marked as was the sorrow produced by the other.

The first report, which came from New York, was received at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and was circulated in the departments just before they closed for the day. The announcement seemed to follow naturally the other cablegrams of the day stating that the venerable statesman's condition had grown worse since Monday and there was a universal expression of regret and in many cases of personal distress over the news. Cabinet ministers, senators and members of the house expressed deep sorrow, speaking not only in terms of admiration and respect for the ex-senator's public career, but dwelling with loving kindness upon his personal character.

The contradiction of the first report did not arrive until 8:30 o'clock. It came in the shape of a positive statement from Santiago, made in the knowledge that the report of the senator's death had been circulated. This dispatch was immediately given as wide circulation in the city as it was possible for it to receive at that hour. Secretary Hay was placed in possession of a copy of the dispatch as was also Mr. Sherman's family.

"A most marvelous condition of affairs," remarked the secretary. He then proceeded to express his great relief that the first news was not confirmed.

The news of the reported death of Mr. Sherman took many persons, friends and others, to his home on K street. Among others who were there when the press representative called were the two former private secretaries of Senator Sherman, Mr. Babcock and Mr. Vail, as well as Miss Kate Willock, a niece of Mrs. Col. Charles Hoyt, whose husband was a cousin of Senator Sherman. They and others present read the telegram stating that the senator was still alive, with much joy.

The reading of the glad message had scarcely been concluded by those present than Mrs. McCollum, the adopted daughter of Senator and Mrs. Sherman, burst into the room, accompanied by a daughter of Gen. Miles. They received the news through a telephone message from the Associated Press while at Gen. Miles' house and hurried over to impart it to the rest of the family.

"It has been a trying day," said Mrs. McCollum, "but all is well again." Indeed, there were heartfelt rejoicings and thanksgivings on the part of those who had assembled at the house when they realized it was true that the invalid was better and might be restored to them.

Mrs. Sherman is the one person of the senator's household who suffered neither from the first announcement or rejoiced over the second. She was not informed of either. Mrs. Sherman has been quite ill from a paralytic attack for several months and had never been informed even of the senator's serious illness for fear of its effect upon her. It was felt when the news of his death came Tuesday that it would have to be broken to her, but all hesitated to make the announcement. It was ultimately decided to postpone the sad duty until Wednesday. She was thus saved the shock.

Prompt efforts were taken to inform the prominent officials of the administration and others of the safe arrival of Mr. Sherman at Santiago, and it was with a feeling of genuine gratification and satisfaction that this news was received, supplemented by an expression of hope that Mr. Sherman would entirely recover.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, March 23.—There is no truth in the statements published in the United States and cabled back here, representing that John Sherman is dead. It is incomprehensible how these reports originated.

The American line steamer Paris, Capt. Frederick Watkins, arrived here Tuesday evening before dark, and it was immediately reported that Mr. Sherman was not only alive but feeling easy and expected to recover.

He will be transferred, if all goes favorably, to the United States cruiser Chicago on Thursday. The cruiser is now coaling at Kingston, Jamaica.

POWDER MILL EXPLOSION.

Over 3,000 Pounds of Smokeless Powder Lets Go—Three Men Killed and Several Others Injured.

PENNS GROVE, N. J., March 23.—Over 3,000 pounds of smokeless powder exploded Wednesday at the E. I. Dupont powder works, instantly killing three workmen and injuring a number of others slightly. The dead are: Isaac Layton, aged 50 years, married.

Wm. Ford, aged 40, married. John Magill, aged 30, single.

The bodies of the dead were blackened and disfigured. The shock from the explosion shook the country for miles around and in this town heavy panes of glass were broken in many houses. The drying house and the store house were demolished and other small buildings about the works were damaged. Francis G. Dupont and his nephew were at work in the laboratory at the time of the explosion and were slightly injured by pieces of glass, but personally directed the care of the other injured and the recovery of the dead.

The works have been running on large government orders for smokeless powder. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

THE PROPOSED COAL COMBINE

An Effort Being Made to Unite All Producing Coal Mines in the Pittsburgh District.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 23.—An effort which is supposed to be backed by eastern capitalists is being made to unite all the production coal mines in the Pittsburgh district. Several attempts within the last two years have been made to bring about a combination of the operators, but those interested have never been able to get all the operators to agree to any one plan.

The Morgan syndicate is supposed to be back of the present scheme. Agents have been in the district for some time and it was stated Wednesday that every operator had been approached and asked to give an option on his mines and property. It was proposed to buy the mines outright, paying cash on closing the deal or to give the operators stock in the new concern. The new trust, should it be formed, will be capitalized at about \$25,000,000.

HE CUT HIS EYEBALLS OUT.

Became Insane, Killed His Bosom Friend, and In Jail Mutilated Himself With Broken Glass.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 23.—William Harris, a young planter from Coosa county, who suddenly became insane and stabbed Tom Gunn, his personal friend, to death while the latter was visiting him, is going to be hanged at Dadeville. Wednesday Harris broke one of the glass windows in his cell, and, taking a piece of the glass, cut out both of his eyes. When found by the jailer he was lying upon the floor unconscious from loss of blood, with the bloody piece of glass in his hands. His eyeballs were on the floor nearby. Harris claimed that God commissioned him to kill Gunn and another man, but that he spared the other man after Gunn had agreed to die.

ARE ON THE WAY TO LIBERIA

Twenty-Seven Colored Families, Numbering 104 Persons in All, Are Stranded in Jersey City, N. J.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The 27 colored families, numbering 104 persons in all, who are stranded in Jersey City, after having come from the west to go to Liberia, as is alleged, under a contract with the International Migration society, were notified Wednesday by the Central railroad, of New Jersey, that they would have to leave the railroad cars in which they have remained since their arrival in Jersey City. It is claimed that the International Migration society promised to send these people to Liberia, and that they have failed to carry out the promise. Most of them are destitute and their condition is pitiable.

LEGISLATING FOR MINERS.

Bill Passes the Arkansas House Providing That All Coal Mined in the State Shall Be Weighed Before Screening.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 23.—The bill providing that all coal mined in Arkansas shall be weighed before screening passed the house by a unanimous vote Wednesday. The bill makes it a fineable offense for any coal operator to neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of the measure. Protests were filed by every coal dealer in Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Ft. Smith and other cities, but these were ignored by the legislature. The bill was introduced in behalf of the miners who are now on strike.

The Woodmen of the World.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 23.—The Woodmen of the World Wednesday passed a resolution providing for a home for the sovereign camp to cost \$60,000. Ten cities will bid for the location. The sovereign commander's salary was fixed at \$7,500 per annum.

Curfew Law at Hodgenville.

HODGENVILLE, Ky., March 23.—The town council passed a curfew ordinance. The law applies to boys under 18 years old. They are compelled to retire from the streets at 8 p. m.

FIRE IN OMAHA.

Two Persons Dead, Others May Die and Twenty Injured.

Many of Them Jumped to the Pavement Forty Feet Below—Others Were Badly Burned While Escaping Down the Stairway.

OMAHA, Neb., March 23.—Comparatively insignificant in material destruction, but appalling in its harvest of death and suffering, was a fire that partially destroyed the Patterson block at Seventeenth and Douglas streets Tuesday afternoon. Two of its victims have already passed away, one more is not expected to live, and about 20 others are suffering from broken limbs and burned and lacerated flesh.

A group of happy women, busy with the affairs of the secret orders with which they were affiliated, were in a moment brought face to face with death. Sixty seconds later seven of them lay burned and bleeding on the pavements, to which they had dropped 40 feet below, and the others were rescued after they had been more or less severely injured in their desperate dash down the single pair of stairs that led to safety.

The blaze started just after 3 o'clock from a gasoline stove explosion from a room in the rear of the third floor of the building and next to the elevator shaft. It was not discovered until it had spread to the adjoining apartments and the entire floor was filled with smoke and flame. About twenty members of the women's lodge of Macabees were attending a committee meeting in the waiting room in the front of the middle of the building on the same floor. They were unconscious of danger until a janitor threw open the door and told them to get out before the flames cut them off. The warning came too late. The fire swept through the door and down the single stairway. Those nearest the door fled through the blinding smoke and reached the street with hands and face burned and blistered. The rest faced a solid wall of flame.

There was a fire escape at the south front of the building, but not one of them seemed to have thought of it. They rushed panic-stricken to the windows through which the smoke was already pouring in suffocating puffs. The fire was scarcely a foot behind them. It caught their clothing and scorched their faces with increasing intensity.

In another instant the spectators attracted by the clouds of smoke, were horrified to see one after another spring from the open windows and fall heavily to the pavement. Not one arose. They lay in an inert and apparently lifeless heap until the fire reached them. Most of them were bleeding from severe cuts and bruises, and all were burned until their torn and blackened skin hung in shreds.

In a few minutes all, except Mrs. Taylor, recovered consciousness, and physicians and nurses, hastily summoned, did all that was possible to relieve their sufferings. As fast as hasty dressings could be applied, the victims were taken to the Clarkson hospital by the ambulances. The body of Mrs. Taylor was taken to the morgue, and others, whose injuries were less severe, were treated at neighboring drug stores and at the offices of downtown physicians.

Aside from the fatalities and injuries to persons, the fire was not a serious one. Few of the losers are able to place an exact estimate on their losses, but the total will not exceed \$50,000. The loss on the building is less than half that sum, and aside from that the heaviest losers are the proprietors of the Boston store, who had a large surplus stock in the basement of the block. The loss in various secret societies that occupy the halls on the second and third floors is largely by water and smoke and is difficult to estimate.

One lodge of the A. O. U. W., two lodges of Red Men, two lodges of the Degree of Honor, four lodges of Macabees and several others lost regalia and various items of furniture. The building is insured up to the 80 per cent. clause, and most of the other losses are largely covered by insurance.

Funeral of Chicago Victims.

CHICAGO, March 23.—The funeral of Mrs. James S. Kirk, one of the victims of the Windsor hotel fire in New York, took place Tuesday from the Kirk residence at Evanston. At the same hour the funeral services of two other victims of the Windsor disaster, Mrs. Isabella Cobb Leland, and her daughter, Miss Helen Leland, were held at the Leland residence. The Chicago Hotel Men's association adopted resolutions of condolence on the death of Mrs. Leland and Miss Leland and attended in body.

A Jealous Husband's Deed.

CHICAGO, March 23.—In the dining room of the Auditorium Annex John T. Shayne, formerly of Cincinnati, was fatally shot by Harry H. Hammond, a prominent citizen of this city. The ex-wife of the pistol was soon to wed Shayne, and saw the tragedy.

Five Children Burned to Death.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 23.—During the absence of John Dian and wife, of Greenfell, from their farm their residence caught fire and their five children were burned to death.

OUR FORCES ENTRENCHED.

The Filipinos Are Refraining From Making Attacks, Saving Their Ammunition for a Last Chance.

MANILA, March 23.—While apparently inactive since Sunday, really the opposite has been the case with the American forces.

A reorganization, entailing many changes, has been in progress since the abandonment of the flying column. Gen. Wheaton's and Gen. Hall's brigades have not been assigned, but the Oregon regiment, the Minnesota regiment and the 23d regiment have been concentrated at the camp on the Luneta, at the water front, in readiness for immediate transportation when the plans of the military leaders have been formulated.

Our troops are entrenched and the situation is practically unchanged. The enemy has refrained from making any attacks recently and it would appear that the rebels are saving their ammunition for a decisive movement. According to a prisoner captured by our troops Aguinaldo has announced that he will personally conduct the reserves at Malolos and march into Manila within 30 days, unless the Americans withdraw in the meantime. The concentration of rebel forces in the vicinity of Malabon gives color to the statement of the prisoner.

Advices from Cebu by a coasting steamer say everything is quiet there. The United States transport Sherman from New York on February 3, has arrived here. One child, two sailors and two privates died on the voyage and one man was drowned in the Mediterranean.

PORTO RICO POLITICIANS.

Leaders of the Radical Party Have Decided to Organize a Republican Party With American Platform.

SAN JUAN DE PORTO RICO, March 23.—The leaders of the radical party have decided to organize a republican party in Porto Rico with a thoroughly American platform. They will endeavor to unite all factions. The platform will be submitted at the meeting to be held Thursday and it will endorse the policy of President McKinley; will pledge fidelity to the American flag; hail the prospect of annexation to the United States; express the belief that the Porto Rico courts can be trusted with the civil government of the island, but will declare a willingness to await the action of congress. The platform will also favor free suffrage, public schools, reform in taxation, free trade with the United States, the establishment of a gold basis for the currency, the American system for the judiciary and will pledge the party to lend every effort towards the annexation of the island to the United States.

BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC.

John A. Moore, Who Murdered His Five Little Children at Hutchinson, Kan., Confesses to the Crime.

MCPHERSON, Kas., March 23.—John A. Moore, who murdered his five children at Hutchinson and who was brought here as a precaution against a threatened lynching, confessed his crime Wednesday before a notary public. The prisoner stated that he had quarreled with his wife and that a separation was talked of, which event he feared that his children would come under the control of his wife's family, whom he dislikes. It has brooded over the prospect of his children being reared amid such surroundings, he deposed, that prompted him to crush their skulls with a hatchet, cut their throats and fire through in which their bodies lay.

THAT FACE CELEBRATION.

Committee Washington Citizens Request That Adm. Dewey Be Summoned to Attend the Jubilee in May.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—A committee of citizens who are arranging for a peace jubilee in Washington next May call the navy department Wednesday, secure, if possible, the attendance of Adm. Dewey on that occasion. Their application was made directly to Secretary Long and they stated proposed peace celebration the exceptional in the fact that it is to be practical in character and this would fit the request that the hero of the bay be summoned to attend. Secretary listened with interest and the committee had to say and that he would confer with the department on the subject.

Becketed for Wife Murder.

CHICAGO, March 23.—August Becker, the self-confessed wife murderer, was indicted in the first degree Wednesday.

Thamers Destroyed.

COLUMBIA, March 23.—Three river steamers the Owens, Flint and Bay City, destroyed by fire Wednesday, with two barges. Loss, \$40,000, partially covered by insurance.

No Trouble at Laredo.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The war department today received a dispatch from Ayres, commanding at Laredo, saying that there had been no difficulties and no further trouble was now anticipated.

Railroad Across the English Channel.

The English Parliament is considering the plan of connecting that country with France by railway. Engineers say a roadbed can be laid on the bottom of the English channel, and by mounting trestlework on wheels, so that it projects above the water, the railway can be operated. This seems beyond belief, but it is perhaps no more remarkable than some of the cures accomplished by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters in bad cases of dyspepsia, indigestion and constipation. This is an age of wonderful achievements.

Scientific Note.

"I see that distilled water is really poisonous," said the majah. "That is what comes, sah, of interfering with nature."

"Right, sah," assented the colonel. "Natuah nehah intended the distillery, sah, to be idling its time away on watuh, sah."—Indianapolis Journal.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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For a Culinary Reason.

"Pa," said little Willie, "why is a bad actor called a 'ham'?"

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to get stuck on him.—Washington (La.) Democrat.

A Dose in Time Saves Nine of Hale's

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he knows nothing about.—Chicago Daily News.

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It is easy, sure. It will vanish. Use St.

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MANY a dutiful daughter pays in pain for her mother's

ignorance or perhaps neglect. The mother suffered and she thinks her daughter must suffer also. This is true only to a limited extent. No excessive pain is healthy. Every mother should inform herself for her own sake and especially for the sake of her daughter. Write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., for her advice about all matters concerning the ills of the feminine organs.

INDULGENT MOTHERS

Many a young girl's beauty is wasted by unnecessary pain at time of menstruation, and many indulgent mothers with mistaken kindness permit their daughters to grow careless about physical health. MISS CARRIE M. LAMB, Big Beaver, Mich., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—A year ago I suffered from profuse and irregular menstruation and leucorrhoea. My appetite was variable, stomach sour and bowels were not regular, and was subject to pains like colic during menstruation. I wrote you and began to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and used two packages of Sanative Wash. You can't imagine my relief. My courses are natural and general health improved." MRS. NANNIE ADKINS, La Due, Mo., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I feel it my duty to tell you of the good your Vegetable Compound has done my daughter. She suffered untold agony at time of menstruation before taking your medicine; but the Compound has relieved the pain, given her a better color, and she feels stronger, and has improved every way. I am very grateful to you for the benefit she has received. It is a great medicine for young girls."

"Spring Unlocks The Flowers"

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Hood's Sarsaparilla cures blood troubles of all sorts. It is to the human system what sunshine is to Nature—the destroyer of disease germs. It never disappoints.

Poor Blood—"The doctor said there were not seven drops of good blood in my body. Hood's Sarsaparilla built me up and made me strong and well." Sossie E. Brown, 16 Astor Hill, Lynn, Mass.

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HIS CONDITION.

He Was Just Plain Lazy, Without Any of Your Frills or Ornaments.

"Howdy do, Mr. Jarlick?" saluted Dr. Slaughter, an Arkansas physician. "How is your health to-day?"

"Are you asking as a physician or merely as a friend?" returned Mr. Jarlick, a moss-grown, but shrewd native.

"As a friend, of course!"

"Well, then, Doc, I'm feelin' kinder sicker, so to express it. Ain't sick enough to go to bed, nor well enough to do anything that looks like a vacation, nor poor enough not to feel like I want one. Can't say I've got spring fever or palpatation of the heart, for the first ain't in season now, an' I'm too durn big an' husky for anybody to believe the latter. The simple fact of the case is that I'm truthful enough to own up that I'm lazy, without any frills or ornaments—jest plain lazy, an' honest enough to confess it. That's all in the world is the matter with me."—Puck.

Crescent Hotel, Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

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"Not a cent."

"Well, well! So she wasn't even a penny auntie to you, eh?"—Philadelphia North American.

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